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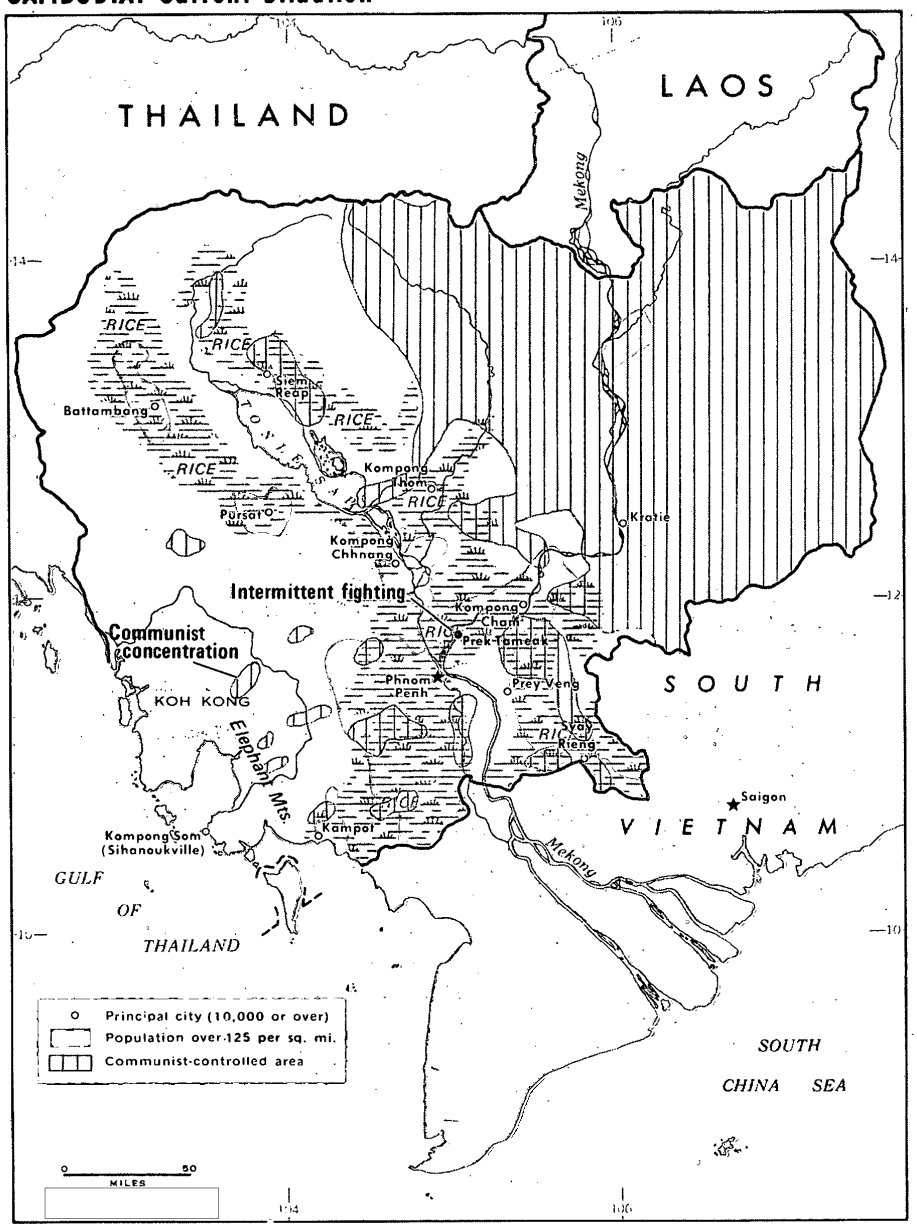
CAMBODIA: Current Situation



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CAMBODIA

Fighting around Prek Tameak continues. Early yesterday another Communist attack was repulsed by government defenders who suffered ten killed and 30 wounded. Three battalions of Cambodian paratroopers have been dispatched to reinforce the government defenses which were already being supported by aircraft, artillery, and naval gunboats.

Elsewhere, the Communists have apparently established themselves in northeastern Koh Kong Province. A government reconnaissance patrol ran into several hundred enemy troops holding three villages. According to an intercepted Cambodian message, 30 soldiers and 90 armed civilians have defected to the enemy from one of the local defense commands, and the district administrator and his family are being held prisoner.

This is the first indication of such a large enemy concentration in the area, although the Khmer Rouge have been utilizing the Elephant Mountains as a redoubt for some time.

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USSR-PERU

On 25 August, Moscow announced the extension of a $30-million credit to Peru for the purchase of Soviet agricultural machinery and other heavy equipment. The Soviet Union also will assist Lima in the development of its fishing industry

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Although the Soviets have been cautious in responding to Peruvian requests for sizable economic commitments, they are providing help to specific Peruvian ministries where opportunities look good for expanding Soviet influence. Some 30 Peruvians are already studying farm management in the USSR, and Soviet technicians will advise the Ministry of Agriculture on the establishment of such training programs in Peru.

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BOLIVIA

On 21 August the military released the names of four students who were killed on 30 July while participating in guerrilla operations in the countryside. This official confirmation sparked demonstrations on 24 August by militant students in La Paz. The dead students have been declared "martyrs of national liberation" by the national student federation. Commemorative ceremonies are being held to honor them, and the students are making vague threats of retaliation. If the bodies are not released within a "few days," there may be more violence, perhaps even kidnaping attempts.

The armed forces have become increasingly concerned with the sanctuary the universities provide for radicals and terrorists and may soon launch a round-up of known student agitators.

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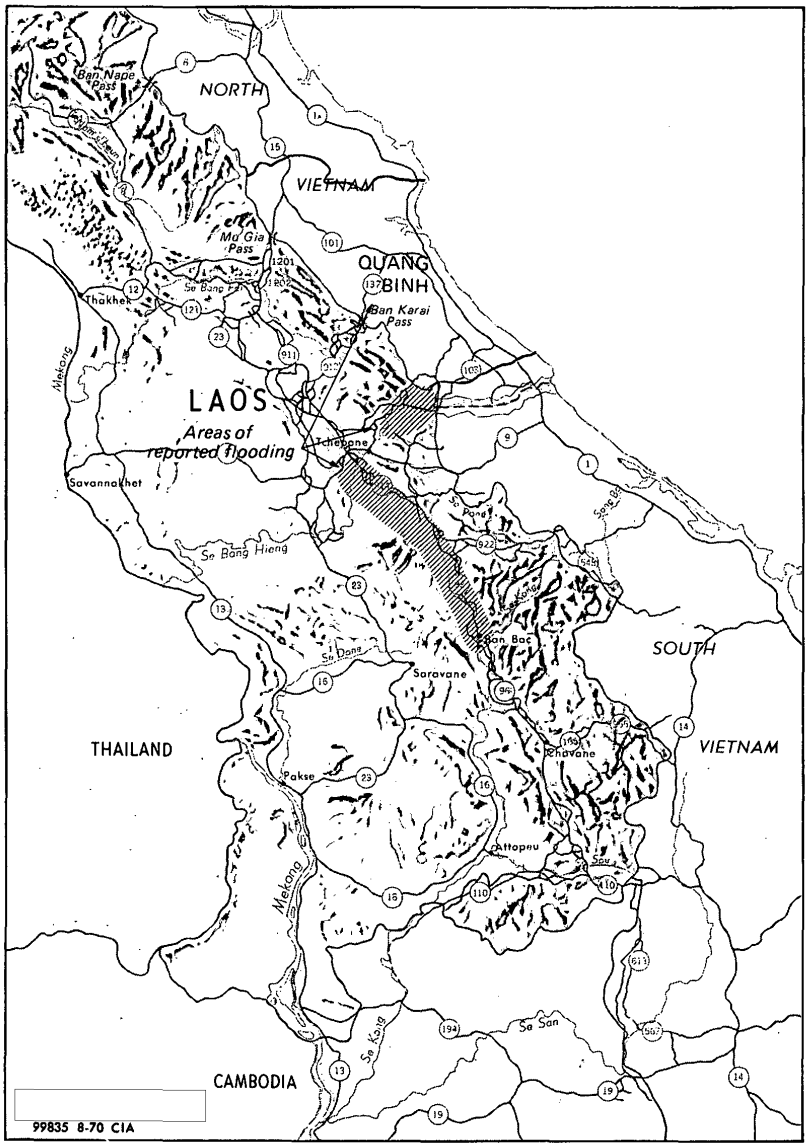
Flooding Temporarily Hinders Communist Supply Movements



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NOTES

Laos-Vietnam: Intercepted North Vietnamese messages indicate that unusually heavy rainfalls have damaged bridges and ferries and blocked roads in Quang Binh Province, where the supply and infiltration pipeline passes from North Vietnam into Laos. West of Quang Binh in Laos, roads in the central and southern Laotian panhandle have been flooded, causing a substantial reduction in transport flows. Large quantities of supplies, mostly rice and gasoline, have been destroyed or damaged by water.

International Labor Organization: Western free trade unionists are concerned over the US Senate's decision to halve the US contribution to the ILO in reaction to the appointment last month of a Soviet as one of the ILO's six assistant directors. The UK representative to the ILO called the cut "sudden and unwarranted," adding that if the USSR is to be a member of the ILO it cannot be kept from holding office. The French are also reportedly expressing "shocked surprise," and a Canadian spokesman said that the US fund cut creates a bad precedent, i.e. the withholding of contributions whenever nations disagree with the actions of an international organization.

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